

The ACPE Eastern Region Newsletter

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Hawai'i = ALOHA and MAHOLOA

The above simple words of “Welcome and Thank You” were a part of every gathering in Hawaii at the ACPE National Meeting October 24 – 29, 2006. There was an abundance of graciousness in the weather and the people of Waikiki Beach in Honolulu. What could there possibly be to *not* like about a setting where the warm island breezes are as constant as the smiles?

The ACPE organization has been known for choosing less than desirable settings with dubious timing in which to host a conference. Let's see; there was Wisconsin in November, “Springtime” in Pittsburgh, “Fall” in Chicago (some of us can actually remember running in the ice and rain for the Pappy Boisen Fun Run on Lake Michigan), and especially memorable – Milwaukee – the season doesn't matter because it is only warm on July 4th!



Eastern Region Co-Directors,
Rev. Nancy Anderson
& Rev. Jo Clare Wilson

Thus, October 2005 in Honolulu captured a sense of restitution with regard to location. Although there were some who may have complained of difficulty in finding a way to be in Hawaii due to finances, for most persons gathered at the beach in Waikiki it was a piece of heaven. Approximately 460 Persons were in attendance at this annual conference.

From the opening gala when we were welcomed by Hawaiian Governor Linda Lingle – a first for an ACPE Conference – until the concluding sunset memorial service and lua we enjoyed ourselves. A special thanks to our own Eastern Region's Rabbi Bonita Taylor for inviting her congregant Governor Lingle to welcome us on Wednesday night. This was followed by native dancers and drummers accompanied by delicious food – or in the native language *pupu*. The Pacific Region gave us, the *malihiniu* (newcomers) a great welcome and we salute you for a conference well done. *Shaka!* (right on, terrific and great)

About 30 members of the Eastern Region were present for the Business Meeting where we did business and celebrated with Joan Hemenway. (The minutes from the October meeting are posted on the Eastern Region website.)

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October 2005 in Hawaii





Ask the Grand Slanders

Dear Grand Slanders,

Please clarify something for me because I am so confused and stuck trying to write my theory position papers. The Certification Manual states that my papers will be evaluated on the ability to have “critical purchase” of theorists. What does having “critical purchase” really mean? Could this be a typographical error in the manual? I am so confused – please help!

Signed,

Blocked

Dear Blocked,

As usual, those rascals are trying to tell you something without telling you, lest we all get into the deep stuff. It is made to look like a mistake, i.e. did they mean “must have critical purpose”? What is really being stated is: DID YOU BUY THE PAPERS FROM THE THEORIST, HAVE YOU PAID HER/HIM YET, AND DO YOU HAVE A RECEIPT?

Dear Blocked, my friend, those folk who write the manual know you well. You are incapable of an intelligent theory, or comprehending anyone’s intelligent theory. So, to avoid having to meet you fifteen times and go through all that sadness, they are suggesting it is CRITICAL that you PURCHASE a theory, tidy up the margins, perhaps put it in a fancy box type arrangement on expensive paper, and submit it. I’m still in debt for my critical purchases, and had to pay the most for my personality theory. I had to buy three before the committee finally and skeptically accepted the last one. One last thought; it would be helpful if you can get someone to explain those theories to you, at least in broad terms. If you only mumble before the committee, they might be impressed, but generally that is not a good idea. Blocked, you are on your way!

Sincerely,
Grand Slanders



Hawaii - Aloha and Mahola (continued from page 1)



This conference signaled the beginning work for Joan as ACPE president. The cane and the wand were passed on to her at the Presidential Luncheon in a traditional island ritual using native symbols of leadership and written by Clarence Lui, a member of the local planning committee.

We heard Kent Keith speak about “Servant Leadership in Chaotic Times” regarding Health Care as well as his *Paradoxical Commandments*. There were workshops emphasizing education and cross cultural issues, as well as a special event sponsored by the ACPE GLBT Network on *The Shower of Stoles Project*. The latter featured over 250 clergy stoles displayed representing those who have experienced the removal of ordination due to sexual orientation.

Hawaii will be remembered by many of us as the last conference we attended with our dear colleague Don Young. His death this December 25th was an abrupt ending for one who has done much within this organization. We will miss him and trust that the connections in Hawaii surrounded him with love as he began his journey towards home.

New Supervisors were recognized in Hawaii which includes our own Terry Culbertson and Nathan Goldberg. We are proud of them both! We hope you enjoy the pictures of Hawaii included in this newsletter and will look forward to warm reminiscing about October 2005 in Hawaii.

Aloha and Mahalo!

Strategic Planning Full Speed Ahead!

Our new president, Joan Hemenway continues the hard work of strategic planning at the national level. The data collected this past year by the strategic planning work group was presented to the board of representatives at their meeting in Honolulu. We are being asked to **please review the ACPE strategic planning initiative 2006 which you can find at the national ACPE website (www.acpe.edu)**.

We will be discussing this at the **ExNE Spring Conference** and your feedback is important.

From the Chair of Regional Strategic Planning Committee:

Rev. Carl Yusavitz

Regional Seminaries Respond to Survey

During the past 6 months members of our region's Strategic Planning Committee personally contacted over twenty seminaries who recommend CPE to their students. Some of these seminaries are members of ACPE, others are not. Although a fuller report will be made to membership at the April meetings in Tuscarora, the committee sent along these initial findings:

- ❖ Most seminary representatives welcome supervisory input and desire to be part of our conversations.
- ❖ Most feedback from the reps was positive and included the following observations:
 1. CPE is a life-changing experience for most seminarians
 2. Students come back more self-aware
 3. Students form strong collegial bonds in CPE
 4. Students begin to see the value of collegial supervision
 5. Students come back with broader ecclesial and interfaith exposure
 6. CPE evaluations are helpful in the candidacy process
- ❖ Negative feedback was rare, but did include the following
 1. There is still some ACPE and CPSP confusion in the minds of certain students
 2. Some supervisors tend to over-psychologize" students, with little or no reference to theological integration
 3. Some supervisors still write vague and unhelpful supervisory evaluations

The demographics of regional seminaries are changing. In general, the student median age is gradually dropping and the theology of these younger seminarians tends to be more cautious and conservative. More women and "minorities" are going to seminary. Many seminarians are finding it financially difficult to do summer CPE and are more attracted to the educational requirements of extended units.

East By Northeast – Bi-Regional Conference

Stony Point, NY, April 3 – 5, 2006

Thinking from the Heart – The Art and Practice of Theological Reflection in Pastoral Care and Education

Thinking from the Heart – something we all do on a daily basis, sometimes compromised by the clinical rhombus of administration, clinical practice and educational requirements – but our heart most often beats passionately in our work with students, patients, families and colleagues. Let's reflect and learn together about our practice and theory of thinking from the heart as the metaphor for theological reflection at **our bi-regional conference at the Conference Center in Stony Point, NY, from Monday April 3 through Wednesday April 5, 2006.**

We will be joined and inspired by speakers from three different traditions: Rev. Dr. John De Beer, author of "*The Art of Theological Reflection, Congregation as Sacramental Community*" and, "*Until We are Free: A Study Guide to South Africa's Moment of Truth*". John is the Interim Priest at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Weston, MA; The Rev Dr. Robert Jingen Gunn, author of "*Journeys into Emptiness – Dogen, Merton, Jung and the Quest for Transformation*". Bob is a UCC Minister at a congregation in Manhattan, NY, Psychotherapist in private practice, lecturer at Union Theological Seminary, and a Zen-Buddhist practitioner; and Rabbi Mychal Springer, Adjunct Lecturer of Professional and Pastoral Skills at Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, NY, ACPE Supervisor.



Supervisors' Group



Ralph Campia

Stony Point SOS 2005



Supervisory Group

We will have ample time to enjoy each others' company during our social times, worship and in workshops. There will be time for Regional Business meetings as well as discussing the Six Initiatives of the Strategic Plan of ACPE.

The place of our conference may be familiar to most of you: Stony Point is a conference center approximately 1 hour north of New York City, offers a comfortable surrounding, nice rooms, an outdoor labyrinth, spacious meeting rooms, a book store, friendly staff, excellent cuisine and is easily accessible by car and even public transportation. The conference brochure will be sent to you via email approximately by mid February. We hope to see many of you - the more, the merrier. Any questions – please contact Ute Schmidt at Ute.Schmidt@bhs.org or 413-794-0112.

See you in April!

Chat from the Chair

The Rev. Beth Glover, Eastern Region Chair

Dear Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. It is hard to believe that over a month of our new year has passed, but so far 2006 has been quite eventful. Let me share some of the things happening within our region currently. Our regional co-directors have traveled to San Diego for the annual RD Consultation and have brought back exciting new ideas around the six strategic areas developed by the Board of Representatives based on the national survey. Our regional executive committee met at the end of January to discuss these and other issues pertaining to our region. I am very impressed by the caliber of commitment and interest that the members of this committee have in working to foster vision and connection within our region. I invite you to check out the national strategic goals on the ACPE website and to be in contact with any of us on the executive committee to share your thoughts and ideas. We are planning a retreat for the exec. Comm. Members to spend time intentionally working with these goals to see how they might best apply to our region. One of the areas we are also concerned about related to certification. As we face a shortage of supervisors in our area, and nationally, we are trying to determine how to be more effectively supportive of those in Supervisory training, to help good trainees to successfully navigate the certification process. Currently we are looking at ways that the region can support efforts to strengthen initiatives in this area.

*We currently have some openings in centers within the region. One center, **Susquehanna Health System, Williamsport Hospital & Medical Center** has contracted with Benson Thomas to come and supervise on an interim basis until June. And, Ray Stephens is providing interim coverage at **Geisinger Medical Center**. I hope that you will take the opportunity to reach out to Benson and Ray. We are grateful to have them with us here in the Eastern Region even for just a while.*

All of you, I'm sure, are aware of the loss of our dear friend and colleague Don Young. Don contributed so much to this region and to his ministry. Our continued thoughts and prayers are with Arabella and their family as they pass into these next stages of grief. I know that I will particularly miss seeing him at the certification meeting in March at Tuscarora.

As I write this, the REM conference, held this year in New York City has just ended and we are proud to have been the host region and pleased to congratulate all those who worked so tirelessly to make it a success. Our own Rev. Johnny Bush was in charge of the planning committee and did a fine job. I congratulate him and his committee for their hard work and for the success of the conference. I hope you will all take the opportunity to thank him and all those involved.

There are some other important events coming up in the next few months also. Regional certification, Women Supervising Women, and SOS and the annual Regional meeting. Let me remind you that if you have any issues that need to be brought before the Administrative Board or the region, please let me know February 24th. The Administrative Board will meet just before the certification meeting at Tuscarora on March 1st. This year we are holding SOS and the regional conference back to back at Stony Point to consolidate meeting times in hopes that it will be easier for folks who would like to attend both. SOS will be held on Sunday April 2-Monday April 3, immediately followed by the Regional conference beginning Monday afternoon through Wednesday April 5th. I look forward to seeing you there if not before! You are welcome to contact me anytime if you have questions, concerns or things to share about the region. Blessings and Peace!

Beth

In Memory
The Rev. Donald V. Young

October 7, 1930 – December 25, 2005

The Eastern Region has lost a dear colleague and beloved supervisor with the death of Don Young. On Saturday, December 31, 2005 family, friends and colleagues gathered at Saint Anne's Episcopal Church in Abington, PA to celebrate his life and legacy. Jack Gleason offered wonderful memories about Don's devotion to sports as well as his commitment to the Eastern Region. Don served at Abington Memorial Hospital from 1983 to 1998. Prior to that he was in Dayton, Ohio. In his retirement he continued to serve on Accreditation as well as an interim minister in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. He supervised students in China and most recently he had been involved in work with supervisory students. He is known for his devotion to the Hoosiers! Our hearts are with Arabella, his children and grandchildren during this season of grief.

**Deadlines for the Fall
Regional Certification Meeting
Stony Point, NY
September 20-22, 2006**

Declaration of Intent to Meet Committee and Fee
Payment to Eastern Region
(Payable to Eastern Region, ACPE)
Certification Chair...Postmarked by**July 20, 2006**
*(Must be Hard Copy via US Postal Service, no fax, e-mail or
phone calls)*

Materials in the hands of Presenter and
Subcommittee Members.....**August 21, 2006**

**Eastern Region Certification Committee Meeting
September 20-22, 2006**



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(Fees: Readiness - \$150; Candidacy - \$200; Extension - \$200)

M.Div. Eq. \$200

Calendar of Events

MARCH 2006

March 1, Administrative Board Meeting,
Tuscarora, Mt. Bethel, PA
March 1-3 Eastern Region "C" Committee,
Tuscarora, Mt. Bethel, PA
March 23-24, Women Spervising Women,
Madison, CT

APRIL 2006

April 2-3, Seminar on Supervision,
Stony Point, NY
**April 3-5, East by Northeast Bi-Regional
Spring Conference,**
Stony Point, NY

Updates from Committees

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**From the Eastern Region "C"
Committee Chair:**

Rev. Ken R. Hayden

The Eastern Region Certification Committee will have its Spring meeting at Tuscarora Inn, Mt. Bethel, PA on March 1-3.

There are eleven requests to meet which include:

- √ Consultation on Readiness
- √ Candidacy, Extension of Candidacy
- √ M. Divinity Equivalency.

Just a reminder to all CPE Supervisors regarding the Consultation on Readiness. **If you arrange a Readiness Consultation, please send the Committee Action Report to the Certification Chair within 30 days of the meeting.** While the Eastern Region does encourage the meeting of the Certification Committee for Readiness, it is not required by the 2005 Certification Manual.

Career Opportunities

Lancaster General Hospital: immediate opening for a CPE Supervisor to join growing department. This person will work closely with current supervisor to refine and supervise various CPE programs. Both supervisors will also work closely with the rest of the Pastoral Services Department in providing pastoral care to patients, family members, and staff. Led by a board-certified chaplain, the team includes an ACPE supervisor, chaplains, EAP coordinator, Catholic priest, CPE residents, and CPE interns. Per diem chaplain associates and volunteer Eucharistic ministers round out the department. Lancaster General Hospital began offering CPE in 1965, making us one of the oldest CPE centers in the area. In 2004, we added a twelve-month residency program, which has been well received by the hospital. Currently, we also offer summer intensive, fall extended, and spring extended units. An additional CPE supervisor is needed to continue to develop a creative educational program that prepares pastoral caregivers while providing excellent care to patients, families, and staff. For more information visit www.LancasterGeneral.org/CPE.

Applicants must be certified by ACPE as an Associate or CPE Supervisor, thrive as a team player, and model pastoral care.

Lancaster General Hospital has won numerous awards over the past several years for medical excellence as well as employee satisfaction. This is a great place to work and develop professionally. The local area is also a great place to live. Lancaster, located in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch Country, is a diverse ethnic and religious community with many opportunities for cultural, social and outdoor activities. Nearby attractions include Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Contact Cristina Lombardo, HR representative, at crlombar@LancasterGeneral.org or 717-544-5576. EOE.



ENEACPE WEBSITE GREAT SOURCE FOR REGIONAL INFORMATION

Have you checked out our website at <http://www.eneacpe.org> lately? It's filled with information that helps us all keep current between Regional Newsletters. You can find Directories of our Region's CPE Supervisors and Clinical Members (be sure you keep our Webmaster informed of any changes), Minutes of Regional Meetings, Career and Residency Opportunities (no charge for advertising for Centers in either the Eastern or Northeast Regions), a Planning Calendar, a list of Religious Holiday Observances for the major faith traditions, REM information, Conferences information and much more. Take some time to check out what is available on our website if you haven't browsed it lately. If you have any suggestions for our website (or errors you may notice), don't hesitate to contact either of your Region Co-Directors or send your suggestions directly to our Webmaster, John Teer, at John@eneacpe.org. John is responsible for the original setup and design of the national ACPE website and was it's Webmaster for many years. He is very receptive to your creative ideas and recommendations for ways to improve our Region's website.